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Tiverton residents:

This letter is to inform you of the new Ranger School Landscape and Enhancement Project being undertaken by the Tiverton Tree Commission and in association with the Tiverton Arts Council.

As you are aware, the new Ranger School was completed this summer and students are now attending classes there this fall. This school is the first new school built in the town within the last thirty years. It is part of the thirty million dollar school bond issue that has the support of the Town's residents. Included in that bond issue, are major renovations that will be done in the upcoming year on the Fort Barton and Pocasset Schools.

The landscaping of the Ranger School had to be curtailed and a limited number of trees were planted at the school. There are many rewards in planting trees. When trees are planted on school grounds, the trees provide for a sense of place and offer a calming effect on the young children who attend classes there. Hence one of the goal of the Tree Commission's Landscape and Enhancement Project, is to plant more trees on the school's grounds.

Also, there is a supplementary goal to create a tree grove with several benches to serve as a natural environmental teaching space. This grove will be enhanced with an outdoor work of art, which the children will help design.

To achieve this goal, the Tree Commission is seeking contributions from public donors, as well as from the business sector. The Commission will also be applying for grants to supplement the funding of this project.

If you are interested in supporting this community effort, please forward your donations to: Tiverton Tree Commission Donation Fund, c/o Tiverton Town Treasurer, Tiverton Town Hall, Tiverton, RI 02878. To request a purchase of a tree or bench as a gift or dedication and for more information, please call Peter Moniz, Chairperson, Tiverton Tree Commission @625-5328.

Thank you for your interest, support and generosity in accomplishing this goal.

Peter M. Moniz

Tiverton Tree Commission, chairperson